

Florida Neonatal Pediatric Transport Network Association

Meeting Minutes- January 16, 2003

Jacksonville, Florida

1. Meeting called to order at 0905 by Louise Bowen, President.
2. Introduction of members present.
3. Meeting minutes of October 2002 accepted with correction of year on 2nd page from 2002 to 2003.
4. State Report - Susan McDevitt reported that Neonatal Inspection will begin in mid February. Process will include: an introduction, vehicle inspection, policy and procedure review, protocol review, quality assurance review and an exit conference. Rule Development Workshop is scheduled for February 10 in Tallahassee and February 13 in Tampa. Members encouraged to attend if unable send your ideas, concerns to Pam Lesley and they will be read at the workshop. Topic to be discussed is Lead Crew Member Identification. Lastly, Susan discussed Compliance Monitoring Standards. Goal is to look at Equipment/Supplies standard and look at patient outcome base monitoring. This will require that the administrative code be looked at.

Susan Folks discussed RICPP Center Grants. Shands is the only transport program with the ability to transport approved transports of patients thru the RICPP grant program. Discussed out-of-state neonatal transport. 11 Regional centers identified. Hospital facility will contact Shands. Must be prior approved. International patients are not included.

5. DOT Course - Louise review the conference call meeting in October. No word as to when AAMS will be sending out the new DOT curriculum. The purpose of the subcommittee was to make sure that we were ready to present to the State the requirements prior to implementation of the DOT course. Presently 64E requires for Paramedics to have the DOT course and no other discipline. The subcommittee also discussed the competencies of the instructors, who can give the course, the frequency in which the course needs to be taken, topics that need to be included, and when do you have to recertify.

6. Reorganization of EMS - Maria has been appointed to the Future EMS Forum. Asked for goals for the future of Neonatal/Pediatric Transport. Some ideas discussed were:

- Contract with ambulances - Legally who is in charge of the patient??
- Broker Criteria - Need to look at Statutory Language changes
- Need to have a Critical Care Transport Inter-facility Criteria

These ideas will be presented at the next meeting.

7. Smallpox vaccinations of Health Care Workers - Louise discussed what her hospital was doing regarding the vaccination of smallpox to the transport team. At this time only staff will be ED, critical care units and transport team staff will be first to be vaccinated on a volunteer bases. Educational programs will be included in this process. Discussed that individuals need to contact their hospital's workmen's compensation for coverage.

8. President Report - Major discussion was on the reorganization of the EMS Committees - Education Committee, Injury Prevention and public relations, medical care committee, management and administrative committee and EMS Future committee. Discussion on the Rule Development topics on Lead Care Provider.

9. Secretary/Treasurer Report - Balance of 12/31/02 is \$1,911.11, with 32 current members. Renewal dues in July 2003.

10. Other Items:

- Critical Care Transport Nurses Day on February 18, 2003. Motion by Colleen Cowie and seconded by Debra Irwin to order buttons for the members.
- Louise's Medical Director discussed with her the possibilities to have the meetings with conference call since a lot of the medical directors could not leave to come to the meetings. Will contact Desi to have prearranged to have the phone setup prior to the meetings.
- Will not meet in April at Tallahassee. Elections will be done via mail out and website. Any one interested in positions please contact Maria.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2003 in Orlando, Florida.